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RESOLUTION RE THE ALTERATION OF RULE 12 (1) OF SCHEDULE X OF THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

The hon. Mr. P. RAMARAVANINGAR:—"Sir, I beg to move the resolution that stands in my name,—

'In exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 201 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the Local Government, with the approval by resolution of the Legislative Council, make the following rule altering rule 12 (1) of Schedule X of the said Act:—

In rule 12 (1) of Schedule X of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, as amended by notification No. 78, published on page 44 of Part I-A of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 24th January 1922, for the words "twelve months" occurring in the first line the words "fifteen months" shall be substituted.

"Under rule 12 (1) of Schedule X of the Local Boards Act the district boards have to notify the total and elective strengths of the taluk boards in their respective jurisdictions within 12 months after the Local Boards Act of 1920 came into force. The Act having come into force on the 1st April 1921, the district boards should have notified the elective and total strengths of the taluk boards before the 1st April 1922. But owing to the fact that the question of the bifurcation of the Dharmapuri Taluk Board was under correspondence with the Government, the District Board of Salem could not notify the total and elective strengths of that taluk board in time. The District Board, however, has now fixed the strength by a resolution. But it has to confirm the resolution by another resolution three months after the date on which the first resolution was passed. Thereafter the District Board has to notify the total and elective strengths. All that will take some time. Hence, Sir, is the necessity for the extension of the time."

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAVUDU:—"I second it." The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

The Council adjourned at 2-4 p.m. till 11 a.m. on Friday the 17th March 1922.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU, Secretary to the Legislative Council.